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> God s in his heaven, All's right with the world.

If you trust in God and yourself you can surmount every obstacle. Do not yield to restless anxiety. One must not always be asking what may happen to one in life, but one must advance fearlessly and bravely. -[PRINCE BISMARCK.

London, Thursday, May 10

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morn ing and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is THE ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of To-

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WHY RAILWAY MEN ARE OUT OF WORK.

Because of dullness in trade, the great railway companies of Canada have been would be employed if receipts were good have been laid off in the shops at various points and along the entire Canadian system the force has been cut down. There is some talk, too, of a general reduction in wages.

A prime reason why Canadian railways find it hard to get along when times are dull lies in the fact that, unlike their competitors in the United States, they have to pay a duty on the coal they consume. This duty costs the Grand Trunk alone \$500,000 a year, and as Sir Henry Tyler, president of the G. T. R., recently said it has been "placed on coal to benefit one little corner in Canada, in Nova Scotia, to the detriment of the whole of the rest of the Domin-

The duty is thus most oppressive to the railway companies, and to its continued imposition can safely be laid the forced economy which now compels the management to decrease the hands by many hundreds. Half a million dollars is a large sum to unnecessarily pay in taxation for a commodity that must be imported, and if this money could be kept in the coffers of the railway company it would undoubtedly increase the fund at its disposal for wages.

The same argument holds good with regard to manufacturers. In Ontario we pay \$900,000 a year taxes on coal. Every unnecessary dollar taken out of the taxpayer for fuel means so much less for the payment of working expenses.

Some argue that if the United States is foolish enough to put a tax on Nova Scotia coal, we in Ontario should continue to labor under severe disadvantages. Why should there be any waiting? Remove this tax on fuel, and let the Canadian railways and the industries which are handicapped by its importation make the best of their ability in competition with their neighbors.

As the president of the Grand Trunk puts it, the tax on coal is an unnecessary burden on the railway, and those who are dependent on it for employment, as well as on the manufacturers. It is not necessary for revenue. It would not be defensible [if It were collected for revenue, but if we had no Curran bridge thievings or unnecessary expenditure for the maintenance of useless and effete institutions at Ottawa-the Senate, for example-not only the coal tax, but many other equally unnecessary imposts could be thrown off.

-Procrastination steals time and sandbags opportunity.

-It is one proof of the general satisfaction with the record of the Mowat Government, remarks the Hamilton Times, that the Conservatives in such important constituencies as Hamilton and North Wentworth resign the usual functions of an opposition, and let the F. P. A. or the Patrons assume the lead.

-There is a good deal of outery in this country against excessive partisanship, and there is justification for the outery, but what the country sorely needs in politics is party unity and party loyalty; organizations, each with definite principles presented in platforms to the people, and each loyal to those principles when it is given power to embody them in legislation .-

That is the British idea of party politics. The party that supports good and progressive government, and has for its ideal statesmen men like Mr. Gladstone, Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Oliver Mowat, has noneed to apologise for its existence, and should not be led away by unstable adventurers.

TORONTO'S UNANIM !TY.

All the Toronto Conservative newspapers are united in their view that London should select the paid advocate of Toronto as their representative. This is natural. Toronto wants as many strings to her bow as possible. When did the Toronto Conservatives go outside of their bounds to choose a candidate for any office? And does anyone in that city to-day think of selecting a paid officer of London for a candidate for Legislative honors?

-Some men, not caring to work themselves, attempt to make a living by working other people. Your high tax advocate has a decided leaning to that description of

ALL MEN CAN VOTE. By the time the false outcry about Sir Oliver Mowat's Registration Bill got to the Halifax (N. S.) Herald, it was interpreted to be a "registration law, which will disfranchise large numbers of young men in the cities and towns." In the first place the law only applies meanwhile to the cities; and in the next it gives a vote to every young man 21 years of age who is not too lazy to say so at the registration office. It is not by such rascall v misrepresentation as this is that Sir Oliver Mowat will be defeated if the electors of Ontario use their intelligence to size up the situa-

WOMAN'S INFLUENCE FOR GOOD. Those who oppose woman suffrage often do so on the ground that women would favor extravagant expenditures. It is contended they will act without due reflection, and that they can easily be influenced by their friends of the other sex to spend money foolishly. The New York World points out that a recent experience in Newburg, N. Y., where women voted. shows how ill-founded is this assertion. At a taxpayers' felection not long ago \$50,-000 was voted to buy a lot and building and to fit up the latter for a city hall. The purchasing price was \$32,000, leaving \$18,000 for remodeling the building. At this stage of the business it was discovered by incutting down expenses. Many hands that terested log-rollers that the building would not do at all, and then they called another taxpayers' election to get \$50,000 more, making \$68,000, in order to tear down the old building and build a handsome city hall. This is one of unwearied service in the profession. He the commonest devices of the sharp politician to get public money to spend. But the women did not support the trick. They turned out in unexpected force, the very best women in the town, to register and to vote. They worked to bring the indifferent to the polls. It is said that 90 per cent of the nearly 250 women who voted, voted against the job. It was overwhelmingly defeated. This is an augury of safety in woman suffrage which deserves fair consideration in these dubious times.

> MONEY IN THE FARMERS' POCKETS. Whitby Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Hon. John Dryden, referred to the good work done by the Traveling Dairy. He pointed out that while, according to Toronto market prices, creamery butter remained unchanged from 1892 to 1893, the price of dairy butter advanced on an average of 11 cents a pound. Mr. Dryden considers this due to the improved quality of our butter product, a result that he attributes to the labors of the Traveling Dairy. According to the Dominion census returns, about 50,000,000 pounds of dairy butter are produced annually in this Province. An increase in value of 12 cents on that quantity represents no less a gain than \$750,000 to the farmers.

Mr. Dryden has all along been keenly alive to the desirability of securing for our butter as enviable a reputation as Canadian cheese has won in foreign markets. If this improvement continues, along with a better system of packing and transportation, it will not be long before his hopes are realized and a profitable trade of unknown possibilities opened up for farmers and their

Commenting upon Mr. Dryden's statement, the Toronto Evening News (Independent Conservative) says: "The claim does not lack justification, and the fact that this is so shows how much can be done towards the advancement of a great industry by means of intelligent Government

Mr. Dryden has the astuteness to discern the needs of the farmers at this juncture, and the success that meets all his efforts is the best proof of the practicability of his ideas. If the Minister had accomplished nothing more than the improvement referred to he would have earned the salary the Province pays him many times over.

TO BENEFIT FRUIT ORCHARDS. [Toronto Evening Star, Independent, May 2.] The traveling dairy conducted by the Ontario Government has done an immense amount of good for the farmers and is, perhaps, the most effectual method that could be adopted to convey to farmers and their wives practical information to enable them to supply a product that will compete in the British market with Danish butter. On the same principle, the project for establishing experimental fruit stations should be of benefit to the fruit growers. This is good so far as it goes, but should be extended, and more money provided to

go into the diseases of trees. The proposal to group counties and establish these experiments in many sections is wise; to have one central farm would scarcely spread the information so well. for many farmers would travel a short distance who would not go across the Prov-

The Government is to be strongly commended for its decision.

THE RED PARLOR TRIUMPHS

(Montreal Witness.) Mr. Foster started out to please the farmers and make votes by a show of tariff reform; he has ended by submitting to red parlor influences, and it is probable that the character of the next election has been decided by the influences of Sir Adolphe Caron, whose methods of carrying elections

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An Able Minister from Middlesex

The Career of Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education.

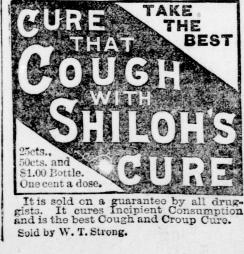
Hon. George William Ross, LL.B., M.P.P., is Minister of Education in the present Government of Ontario, and has held that important and responsible office from 1883, when his predecessor, the Hon. Mr. Crooks, retired from public life, up to the present date. Mr. Ross is of humble parentage, and was born near Nairn, in the county of Middlesex, Ont., on Sept. 19, 1841. He is entitled to the credit of having been the architect of his own fortunes and of having by his own industry, vigor, and persevering energy, fought his way upward from the humblest place in social rank to the present honorable and eminent position he occupies in the Government and Province of Ontario and before the whole country. The only original fortune with which to commence the battle of life and the ambitious struggle for eminence and distinction

that Mr. Ross could claim was good physical constitution and a strong, active intellectual organization, with great capacity to receive knowledge and wonderful facility in acquiring it. Marvelous power of will, invincible determination and a persistence that never wearies, are strong characteristics of the man and have marked the whole course of his life.

Mr. Ross is one of the finest examples we have ever met with of what is sometimes expressively called self-made men. As a boy he received from the schools, as they existed in the old settlements of Canada, a good, practical elementary education. On this basis, by his own unaided efforts, he succeeded in 1857 in obtaining a third class teachers' certificate, and for many years he devoted himself to the work of teaching school, never, however, neglecting to continue with persevering energy the improvement of his own mental status, and in 1859 he secured a second class certificate, and in 1867 a first class county board certificate. Two years later he took a course in the Normal School, Toronto, and in 1871, won a first-class Provincial certificate. This enabled him in the latter year to accept the appointment of inspector of public schools for the county of Lambton, and subsequently a similar office for the towns of Petrolea and Strathroy. While inspector for East Lambton in 1875, Mr. Ross was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain and complimentary address by the teachers of the district, testifying of his zeal in educational work and his able and was also presented with a well-merited address by the county council. He took a very active part in the creation of county model schools, and afterwards prepared the Syllabus lectures, and was for a time inspector of model schools. From 1876 to 1880 he was a member of the central committee, and proved there to be a faithful advocate of the teachers' interests. He was also in favor of but one text book on the same subject in the public schools, and in this he was manifestly right. At one time Mr. Ross was engaged in journalism, for a time publishing the Strathroy Age, and at another was part proprietor of the Huron Expositor. As an editor and public writer, he showed In his recent nomination speech at peculiar aptness and ability for the task. He was also connected with educational journalism, for which he was specially qualified. Among his multifarious studies, he gave his attention to that of law, though he never practiced as a lawyer, he passed several of the preliminary examinations, and in 1879 he wrote for and obtained the degree of LL.B. He has been for many years one of the great leaders of the temperance cause and of the prohibitory movement in Canada. In 1879 he was elected most worthy patriarch of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America, and for two years presided over their deliberations in Washington and in Cincinnati.

> hard worker and an eloquent orator in the Reform cause, and has rendered the party For Making a Delicious Health most efficient service. As a public speaker, it has been said, Mr. Ross has a remarkable faculty of grouping his facts and presenting his arguments in clear logical order. He is quick at repartee, possesses a retentive memory, and a contagious enthusiasm which frequently expresses itself in genuine eloquence. He has the ardor and impulsiveness of a Celt (he is of Highland origin) combined with much prudence and sound judgment. He is a living example of the power of continuity of purpose and indomitable will when linked with intelligence and high motive.' He was first elected representative of West Middlesex in the House of Commons in 1872. Two years afterwards he was returned by acclamation; he was again returned in the years 1878 and 1882, though in the following year he was unseated for bribery by agents. In 1883, he Was, as already stated, appointed Minister of Education for Ontario and the next month was elected to the Legislature for West Middlesex, which seat he still holds. During the ten years he has held office in the Mowat Cabinet he has been the subject of many violent attacks, some of them, perhaps, not without reason, but, on the whole, he has discharged the onerous and sometimes delicate duties of his charge, with that vigor, energy, efficiency and clear, sound judgment which the public have reason to expect from a Minister so richly endowed intellectually, and with so much experience in educational matters. Were he to retire from office it would be a great loss to the Government, to this Province and to the cause of education, for it would be well nigh impossible to supply his place with any man equally well qualified in all respects with Mr. Ross. He has been twice married; first to Christina, fourth daughter of Mr. Duncan Campbell, of Middlesex, who died in 1872; his second wife was Miss Boston, of Lobo, county of Middlesex, whom he married in 1875.

For many years Mr. Ross has been a



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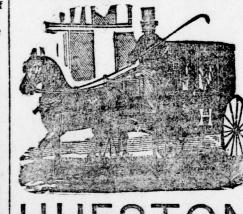
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5th—19 pieces Broche Dress Goods, worth 15c, for 10c.

6th—11 pieces All-Wool Henrietta, worth 40c, for 30c. 7th-7 pieces Tweed Dress Goods, regular price 50c, Friday 25c. 8th—9 pieces Heavy All-Wool Serge, in colors, worth 50c, to-day 25c.

9th-4 pieces Satinette Cloth, with figure, regular price 4oc, to-day 25c. 10th-5 pieces Swiss Spot Muslin, with border, regular price 25c and 30cs for 19c.

11th—3 pieces Swiss Muslin for Curtains, regular price 20c, for 15c. 12th—13 pieces Art Muslin, 50 inches wide, worth 25c and 20c, on Friday 5c. 13th—1 table of Gimp Trimmings, worth 25c yard, your choice 10c yard. 14th-Another chance at our entire stock of Wool Challie, worth from 35c to 50c yard, your choice of the entire lot on Friday 121/2c yard.

15th-50 dozen Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, Hermsdorf dye, spliced heels and toes, worth 20c, to-day 15c. 16th-Bargains in Children's Fast Black Stockings, spliced heels, all sizes,

17th—Children's Tan Colored and Cardinal Hose, fast dye, spliced heels

and toes, 4½ inch to 8 inch, 12½ and upwards—Bargains. 18th-Ladies' Swede Fabric Gloves, in black, worth 25c, for 19c. 19th-Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, Friday 16c.

20th-Ladies' Parasols, a Bargain Day, \$1 35 line, for \$1. 21st-Ladies' Fancy Belts, silver and gilt, worth 50c, for 25c. 22nd-Ladies' Colored Cambric Blouse Waists, worth 65c, for 50c. 23rd-1,000 yards of White and Cream Lace, worth 15c, to-day 10c yard.

24th—Children's Skirt Embroidery, 27 inches wide, worth 40c, for 25c. 25th—Bargains in Hair Brushes, see the line for to day at 19c. 26th—Boys' Solid Rubber Balls, only 2c each.

27th-6 pounds Laundry Soap for 25c.

28th—A bargain in Men's Cotton Underwear, Friday 50c each. 29th-Gents' Fancy Striped Balbriggan Underwear, worth \$1 25 suit, for

30th-Men's Flannelette Top Shirts, to-day 23c.

31st-Boys' Fancy Peak Caps, only 11c.

32nd-New shapes in Straw Hats for men and boys, only 25c. 33rd—Gents' Fine Merino Socks, at 19c and 23c, worth 25c and 35c. 34th-Gepts' Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, pure linen, only 15c.

35th—Gents' Fine Braces, the 50c quality to-day 35c. 36th—Gents' Fine Lawn Bows, in colors, worth 35c, for 21c.

37th-Gents' Flannelette Top Shirts, worth 50c, Friday 2 for 75c.

38th—Gents' Pearl Cuff Buttons, only 15c pair.

30th-Boys' Turban Hats, 23c. 40th-Gents' Unlaundered Shirts, 48c.

41st-Boys' Turkish Caps, only 19c.

42nd—1 dozen 6-4 Table Cloths, red border with fringe, worth 50c, for 35c. 43rd-2 dozen large sized Table Cloths, red border with fringe, worth \$1 25

44th—1 piece Bleached Table Linen, 58 inches wide, worth 35c, for 28c. 45th-4 pieces Best Quality Feather Ticking, worth 25c, for 18c. 46th-3 pieces All-wool Navy Serge for Boys' Suits, worth 38c, for 29c. 47th—10 pieces White Cotton, worth 11c yard, to-day 12 yards for \$1. 48th-2 pieces Bleached Sheeting, twilled, 72 inches wide, worth 38c, for 28c. 49th—1 piece Bleached Sheeting, twilled, 80 inches wide, worth 40c, for 29c.

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